1 **REMARKS** The specification is amended herewith to include a cross-reference and claim of priority to both 2 3 the PCT application and the original European application. Please enter this preliminary amendment before calculating the claim fees for this application. It 4 includes a complete listing of the claims in the application. Claims are corrected and amended to 5 remove multiple dependencies, and to conform to USPTO claim practice and to better protect the 6 7 invention. 8 Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. 9 Please charge fees for this application to account no. 09-0468. 10 Respectfully submitted, 11 12 Louis P. Herzberg 13 Reg. No. 41,500 14

Docket No.: CH920020044US1

15

16

17

18

19 20 **IBM** Corporation

Tel.: (914) 945-2885

Fax: (914) 945-3281

P.O. Box 218

Intellectual Property Law Dept.

Yorktown Heights, NY 10598